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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Employment of OPC Resources on a Short-term vs a Long-term basis

1. In the enclosure to JCS 1735/64, a memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence dispatched about 29 March 1951, the JCS expressed the view that "the program of the Office of Policy Coordination in Europe should be oriented toward placing maximum emphasis on preparations for operations, beginning on D-Day, which will be a direct and immediate contribution to the retardation of Soviet advances in Western Europe". EUCOM shares this view, and, in fact, may have been the originator of this paper. I believe that EUCOM feels that the greatest effort should be directed with all haste, subject only to the most cogent security considerations, to the development of resources to retard a Soviet advance in Western Europe.

2. The OPC Charter, NSC 10/2, although stated in broad terms, seems clearly to direct maximum OPC effort to the development of resistance groups on a long-term basis. Development of such groups cannot fail to carry implications of political espousal and approval. Consequently, great care and discretion are indicated and progress is likely to be extremely slow.

3. The position of EUCOM speaks for itself. Certainly, it is understandable that EUCOM feels the need for every prompt assistance we can render. On the other hand, until and unless the OPC effort is redirected by proper authority, the gulf delineated in the above paragraphs will continue to cause considerable concern on the part of EUCOM. General Williams stated to me the other day that he felt that resolution of this issue is one of his most pressing problems.

4. In view of the above, it would be most helpful if you could use your influence to a prompt decision being reached in Washington. (I have discussed the above with General Truscott and, at his suggestion, I am taking up the matter with you).

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